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Proposed claim amendments to claims 7 and 10, as we discussed on the telephone today. Essentially, they have imported the limitations of claim 11, which was previously not considered. I will call you tomorrow, as you suggested. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

-Ken Salen

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PROPOSED AMENDED CLAIMS
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7. (Amended) A work chamfering method using a work holding portion including a first surface and a second surface, the first surface including a portion having a static friction coefficient greater than 0.1, the method comprising:

a first step of holding the work with the work holding portion by contacting each of the first surface and the second surface with a main surface and another main surface of the work; and

a second step of chamfering the work by using a tool;

wherein the work holding portion is adapted to rotate the work piece around a center of rotation;

further wherein the second surface contacts the work piece at at least two contacting locations; and

further wherein the center of rotation is between the contacting locations.

10. (Amended) A work chamfering method using a work holding portion including a first surface and a second surface, the first surface including a center portion and two end portions, each of the two end portions having a static friction coefficient greater than that of the center portion, the method comprising:

a first step of holding the work with the work holding portion by contacting each of the two end portions of the first surface with a main surface of the work and contacting the second surface with another main surface of the work; and

a second step of chamfering the work by using a tool;

wherein the work holding portion is adapted to rotate the work piece around a center of rotation;

further wherein the second surface contacts the work piece at at least two contacting locations; and

further wherein the center of rotation is between the contacting locations.